

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 12th March 2017

Annual General Meeting 2017

The 85th IRTS AGM will take place in a matter of weeks hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society over the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Green Park, Dundalk. AGM Dinner tickets are now available to order from www.irts.ie/agm . The website has also been updated with full details about the 2017 IRTS AGM.

There are a limited number of IRTS AGM Dinner tickets available in the sunny South East from John Ronan, EI7IG. John's contact details can be found on the IRTS Society Officers page www.irts.ie/cgi/officers.cgi or QTH

The March edition of Echo Ireland includes the Annual Accounts of the society for the year to 31st December 2016 and the Committee Report for the year. These accounts and report will, of course, be presented to members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Contest Results

Results for the 80 Metres Evening Counties Contest held on 21st February 2017 have now been published, see www.irts.ie/results for the details. Congratulations to the winners: the leading Irish stations were Aidan EI8CE in the SSB Only section and Gerard EI5KF in the mixed mode SSB/CW section. The leading stations outside Ireland were Dave 2E0KVJ (SSB only) and Mike G3VYI (mixed mode).

The logs show that 21 counties were active during the contest: these logged counties and the 11 "missing" counties are listed on the results page. Conditions on the night of the contest favoured long distance QSOs, resulting in stations from 16 countries appearing in the logs.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

Kerry Amateur Radio Group held their AGM on Saturday 25th Feb at their Killarney venue.

The following officers were elected; Declan EI9FVB - Chairman, Billy EI7CQB -

Treasurer and John EI9ESB - Secretary/PRO. Thanks to all members and visitors that attended. The events of 2016 were reviewed and plans firmed up for 2017 events.

In April, KARG will be active for International Marconi Day 2017 again as EI6YXQ from the Marconi site at Ballybunion. Multiple stations will be QRV covering SSB, CW and Data Modes. Visitors are welcome as usual.

KARG will also be QRV from the Maurice Collins Vintage Day on Easter Sunday as EI1K. Visitors are welcome to drop by the live KARG station.

The next KARG monthly meeting will be held on Sat 25th March at the Castleisland Venue at 11am.

For more information see www.kerryamateurradiogroup.com or our Facebook page.

News on 5MHz

Hong Kong, OFCA, has now allocated 5351.5-5366.5kHz to the amateur radio service on a secondary basis. The maximum power permitted is 15 Watt EIRP.

Uruguay gets 60m. Max. power - General : 15 W EIRP. Superior: 25 W EIRP. Specific details available online.

St. Patrick's Day Parade from the LIARS Club

The Long Island Amateur Radio Simplex Club will be using callsign W2LIS and will be calling CQ from the Hampton Bay's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 18th from 1500 UTC until 1800 UTC, on 40 and 20 meters SSB. News about LIARS Club is available from w2lis.webstarts.com/

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The club intends holding theory classes in the near future. Anyone wishing to take part in these classes can contact Pat EI9HX 087 676 7707 or Brian EI8IU 086 105 7325 or see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com

DX News

Nigel G3TXF will be active from Mauritius as 3B8/G3TXF until 21st March. He plans as usual to be mainly on CW and on the WARC bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Temotu Province is the easternmost part of the Solomon Islands. At present there are two amateurs on Nendo Island using the callsigns H40FN and H40MS. The QSL info is via their home calls DK9FN and DL2GAC respectively. The island counts as OC-100 for the Islands on the Air Award and they will be QRV until 24th March.

Dom M1KTA will be on the South Cook Islands as E51KTA until 19th March. His location is Raratonga Island. QSL to the home call.

In addition to the current activity by the EI DX Group signing 9N7EI from Nepal until 20th March there is another activity by SP6AXW using the call 9N7XW from 15th to 31st March. This should give all EIs plenty of chances to get one or more Nepalese contacts into their logs.

April 2017 Edition of Practical Wireless

Colin Redwood G6MXL, in his “What Next?” column, April 2017 edition, Practical Wireless, writes an article on IRTS awards. The article features the Worked EI Counties Award, Worked All Ireland Award, 4m metres award and the Wild Atlantic Way Award. www.irts.ie/waw

Items for inclusion in next week’s Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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